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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Down 4 Percent from Last Month

Idaho's 2006 winter wheat production is forecast at 61.1 million bushels, down 4 percent from last month's forecast, and 8 percent below last year's crop. This report is based on conditions as of June 1. The yield is forecasted to be 86 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels per acre from last month. Acres to be harvested, at 710,000, represent a 20,000 acre decrease from 2005.

Idaho hops strung for harvest in 2006 totaled 2,777 acres, down 16 percent from last year's harvested area of 3,287 acres.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.26 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and 16 percent below 2005. Based on June 1 conditions, the U. S. yield is forecast at 40.5 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last month and 3.9 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

United States hops strung for harvest in 2006 totaled 28,928 acres, 2 percent lower than the 2005 crop of 29,463 acres harvested, but 4 percent higher than the 2004 crop of 27,742 acres harvested.

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